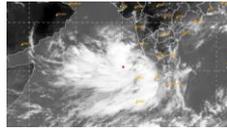


1. Which country has coined the name "Tauktae" for the cyclone in Arabian Sea?

- A) India
B) Sri Lanka
C) Myanmar
D) Pakistan



- ✓ As per the Indian Meteorological Department (IMD), a low-pressure area which was formed in the Arabian Sea, would evolve into a cyclonic storm and has been given the name "Tauktae". This name has been coined by Myanmar. This cyclone in Arabia Sea is likely to bring heavy rains in Gujarat, Maharashtra, Goa and south Konkan region.

2. As per the report on environmentally vulnerable cities by Verisk Maplecroft, how many cities among the top 100 are located in Asia?

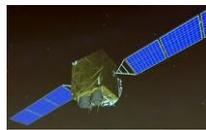
- A) 2
B) 19
C) 56
D) 99



- ✓ Business risk analysts Verisk Maplecroft has recently released a report on the cities which are most vulnerable to environmental hazards. As per the report, among the top 100 vulnerable cities, 99 are located in Asia. Jakarta has topped the list and Delhi has been ranked at No.2. More than 400 large cities across the globe with a total population of 1.5 billion are at "high" or "extreme" risk, as per the report.

3. Two classified Yaogan satellites have been launched by which country?

- A) Japan
B) USA
C) China
D) India



- ✓ China has recently launched two classified Yaogan satellites from Xichang Satellite Launch Center in South West China. These satellites were carried by Changse 2C rocket. The satellites are said to be put for use in electromagnetic environmental surveys and other related technical tests.

4. Which state has launched the "Mahtari Dular Yojna" scheme?

- A) Uttarakhand
B) Uttar Pradesh
C) Chhattisgarh
D) Odisha



- ✓ The state Government of Chhattisgarh has launched the scheme named "Chhattisgarh Mahtari Dular Yojna". Under this scheme, the state would bear the education expenses of the children who have lost parents to COVID-19. A stipend of Rs.500 per month will be paid to such children who are studying in Classes 1 to 8 and Rs.1000 per month for Classes 9 to 12. This scheme is applicable for children studying in both Government and Private schools.

5. A bank mentioned in the Second Schedule of the Reserve Bank of India Act is known as?

- A) Co-operative Bank
B) Small Finance Bank
C) Scheduled Commercial Bank
D) Foreign Bank operating in India

- ✓ A bank mentioned in the Second Schedule of the Reserve Bank of India Act is known as 'Scheduled Commercial Bank'. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has excluded Lakshmi Vilas Bank (LVB) from the Second Schedule of the RBI Act after it was merged with DBS Bank India Ltd (DBIL) last year.

6. Which institution has set up a dedicated portal – CovAid, to track aid coming from individual organisations?

- A) Supreme Court of India
B) ICMR
C) Give India Foundation
D) NITI Aayog



- ✓ The NITI Aayog has set up a dedicated portal named 'CovAid', to track all aid coming via missions or by individual organisations, with a detailed SOP (standard operating procedure). At present, there are three channels for receiving aid – government to government, routed via the Ministry of External Affairs to the Health Ministry; Private to government, through COVAID portal and donations through states, NGOs and CSO.

7. Kundoli Proposed Reserve Forest, where 18 elephants have recent died, is situated in which state?

- A) Karnataka
B) Himachal Pradesh
C) Assam
D) Kerala



- ✓ On the night of May 12, as many as 18 elephants died in the Bamuni hillock in the Kundoli Proposed Reserve Forest under the Kathiatoli range, Assam. Initial findings from the post mortem indicate that the reason for the death was a lightning strike. The samples have been sent to laboratories for further microbiological and toxicological examination.

8. What is the theme of the International Day of Families 2021?

- A) Families during COVID
B) Families and New Technologies
C) Family during Quarantine
D) Social Distancing for Families



- ✓ In 1993, the UN General Assembly declared that 15 May of every year should be observed as The International Day of Families. The theme of this year's observance is 'Families and New Technologies'. It focuses on the impacts of new technologies on the well-being of families.

9. Malerkotla has been announced as the new district of which state?

- A) Punjab
B) Karnataka
C) Rajasthan
D) Uttar Pradesh



- ✓ Punjab Chief Minister Amarinder Singh announced Malerkotla as the state's new district. After a long-pending demand of the people, Malerkotla is named as the 23rd district of the state. Malerkotla is a Muslim majority town and it was a part of Sangrur district. At the time of the country's Independence Punjab had 13 districts.

10. Which is the first Indian state to pass 'Agri-Tourism policy'?

- A) Punjab
- B) Maharashtra
- C) Rajasthan
- D) Uttar Pradesh



- ✓ The Maharashtra cabinet approved an Agro-tourism policy aimed at empowering farmers, in September 2020. It aims to provide market for agriculture produce, encourage agriculture allied business, and provide employment opportunities to women and youth in rural areas. Every year World Agri-Tourism Day is celebrated on May 16. This year, Government of Maharashtra, Agri-Tourism Development Corporation is to organise International Conference on Agri-Tourism.
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